

**Specific Recommendation of DFO, Athgarh for Acceptance of the
proposal with Reason**

The forest land over 1.2975 ha proposed for diversion is essential for laying of underground Natural Gas Pipeline project along with Optical Fiber Cable (OFC) from Srikakulam to Angul(Odisha)Section by GAIL(India)Ltd. The DGPS Survey maps has been duly prepared and certified by ORSAC, Bhubaneswar and also pillar posting done over the proposed area for diversion. After construction and functioning of the above project it will provide cleaner fuel stock for the industries and the population in the region thus will help improve the environment considerably while including development. An additional advantage of transportation natural gas by pipeline is that the scope of economic offence like theft, pilferage, adulteration will be negligible and consumers will get value for money. The project would enhance employment 300 to 400 people opportunities through contractor for the local people during construction of project. However in view of enforcement of Forest Conservation Act, 1980, the Project Proposal is recommended for obtaining necessary approval from Government of India, MOEF & CC.



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